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Sent: 12/17/2019 10:11:39 PM
To: Assunto, Carmen [Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov]; Acevedo, Janie [Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: 12/6 - Texas Tribune Reporting on TPC
Attachments: Media Inquiry - Texas Tribune.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Was walking and hit send too quick.

Thanks

Adam

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Adams, Adam" <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
Date: December 17, 2019 at 3:54:00 PM CST
To: Payton Keith <pkeith@hdaissues.com>
Cc: "hope.davila@tceq.texas.gov" <hope.davila@tceq.texas.gov>, Sarah Kirksey <Sarah.Kirksey@tceq.texas.gov>, "Cronin, Sara" <Sara.Cronin@tpcgrp.com>
Subject: FW: 12/6 - Texas Tribune Reporting on TPC

Payton,

The focus of my team was the incident itself and not on historical conditions.
As you can see by the forwarded email, I just received this as a result of your request.

VR,
Adam

From: Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 3:25 PM
To: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>; Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
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HQs responded to this inquiry – see attached.

Who is Payton Keith associated with?

Janie

From: Payton Keith <pkeith@hdaissues.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 3:04 PM
To: Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>; Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>; Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov>
Cc: Hope.Davila@tceq.texas.gov; sarah.kirksey@tceq.texas.gov; Cronin, Sara <Sara.Cronin@tpcgrp.com>
Subject: 12/6 - Texas Tribune Reporting on TPC

All,

Kiah Collier of the Texas Tribune reported on TPC in the earlier days of the event. Ms. Collier updated her story on December 6, 2019, with the following:

At the time of the explosions, EPA's enforcement history website indicated the facility had been considered a high priority violator of federal clean air laws for more than two years. But on Dec. 6, nine days after the incident began, an agency spokesman said in a statement that its enforcement history website was incorrect and it was working with TCEQ to update it.

"EPA confirmed with TCEQ that they do not have any unaddressed Clean Air Act High Priority Violations involving the TPC facility," the statement said. "EPA is working with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to correct this data issue."

Unified Command and TPC continue to receive inquiries on enforcement actions, including specific questions on High Priority Violations. Can you confirm the statements provided to Texas Tribune? Would it be possible to see the statement provided?

Regards,

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